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FIRE

We suppose that there was much consternation when our first ancestors, many hundreds of years ago, discovered that they could kindle a fire. They must have been very much excited. If it please the honorable public today, these early men probably were more easily excited than their later brothers, and long before an altar was raised to the fire god by men accustomed to the use of fire, various other men had been put to death by torture for introducing what proved to be one of the few necessities in temperate or frigid climates.

Later on in the march up the road of progress some woman inadvertently dropped a piece of meat near the coals in the rude camp or cave. It was scorched and thrown to the dogs probably. The canines, not being superstitious, ate it as greedily as they would raw flesh. Maybe some held youth with a forehead a bit higher than those of his tribe, dared to taste the rare meat, or, like the Chinaman whose pig was burned in his house, poked it with his finger, found it hot and quickly placed the burned digit in his mouth and thereby introduced roast pork into the society of that day. The fire spread.

Some time later fire was used to bake and roast food, and a little later yet, warriors used it to make their tin and copper malleable so as to perfect better fighting weapons.

Down the ages came fire. It is used in one form or another in every industry. Electricity is fire. We use it in everything.

If you could learn the history of fire you would know the history of mankind; you would know every step man has taken in the thousands of years that he has lived on the earth.

MAY BEAT REED

Although anti-Reed Democrats in Missouri are mad enough to do almost anything, it is not to be expected that they will form an organization, put an independent in the field and beat Reed with him. That would elect the Republican candidate.

That in itself is no bad thing. Men who take part in a primary, however, bind themselves to support the choice of the majority. To bolt would put them in "bad" with many people. Still if enough of them bolt, they can teach a wholesome lesson to arrogant and demagogic leadership.

The best thing that could happen in American politics is for enough Democrats to forget to vote in Missouri next November as to make sure the election of the Republican candidate for United States senator.

CHEERFULNESS

Henry M. Doll, whose death occurred suddenly yesterday, was the head of a happy home in Hickory. That of course accounts in part for the trait that was predominant in his character—cheerfulness.

We never saw Mr. Doll when he did not have a kind word and a wholesome smile. Other people recall this trait in him also, especially since he will not be known again in the community that he was proud of and that was proud of him.

The Record is sure that Henry M. Doll gave as much pleasure in his years in Hickory as any other individual. He gave an encouraging smile, a cheerful word and set an example. Peace to his gentle spirit.

The Greensboro News Sunday came out with a huge educational edition setting forth the development along all lines in Guilford county. The paper was so well written and illustrated and contains so much that is worth preserving that a Sunday's edition will be preserved by thousands of citizens as a volume of reference. Greensboro and the county are to be congratulated.

JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE

"Ah, you have no idea what seakiness is, Katherine. If you had it, and any one came and wanted to kill you, you would offer to make him your sole heir!"—Megendorfer Bleatter, (Munich).

THE STRIKE CONTINUES

Springfield Republican.
President Harding's plan for settling the railroad strike, without loss to the public for four days and rumors for which there was obviously little foundation, has failed to achieve its object. The railroad strike situation, so far as it is based on conflicting issues, stands just where it did on July 20 when the later board admitted its failure and the executives withdrew from Chicago. Inasmuch as President Harding's plan for the most part incorporated the proposals then discussed more or less informally, the executives could not have accepted it without reversing their position. And if, as now appears probable, leaders of the unions accept the plan, they will be only ratifying formally what they have already tentatively approved.

The chief difference is that President Harding has now intervened in the trouble, and that the executives have cast aside a program which he earnestly implored them to adopt, assuming that the union leaders accept the plan with as much emphasis as the executives have rejected it, a measurable veering of public sentiment toward the strikers may possibly result. In the event that the railroad, as a whole, fails to restore their lines to normal efficiency, this outcome might eventually cost the railroads considerable favor. In any case it may cost them the favor of the administration.

But that as it may, the executives appear willing to accept the responsibility. In the Northeast, leading lines have built up their shop forces to about 60 per cent of normal. The executives believe that in a month the strike will be broken. Hence, profiting by the stern attitude with regard to seniority deliberately adopted at the first, and reinforced by a technical ruling of the labor board, they prefer a fight to the finish against the power of the national unions. Those roads which have suffered seriously in the strike will presumably make peace with their employees separately if authority to do so is granted by the union leaders. These will perhaps recognize that a half loaf is better than no bread.

It should be noted that President Harding's proposal regarding seniority was not identical with the version of it that had been unofficially reported. It was commonly believed that he would suggest a reinstatement of strikers with a seniority standing behind that of old employees who did not go on strike, but ahead of the men who have entered the service since the strike was called. This would have imposed at least a nominal penalty on the men who struck. Inasmuch as several executives who had taken a more moderate view of the seniority problem voted with the majority yesterday, it is to be regretted that the President's proposal was not the expected compromise.

THE CASE OF GOV. HARDING

Springfield Republican.
Secretary Mellon's recommendation of the renomination of W. G. Harding as a member of the federal reserve board was to be taken for granted. The present governor of the board is generally regarded by bankers and financiers as well deserving of the honor of another term. The delay of the President in granting the nomination to the Senate is due to the opposition it will encounter there not only from a heap inflationist agitator like Senator Heflin of Alabama but also from many members of the farm bloc. Gov. Harding is held responsible by them for the severe fall in the prices of farm products a year and a half ago, when the federal reserve board began to raise rediscount rates and force the curtailment of bank credits in order to check the credit inflationist movement of the period immediately following the war.

The raising of money rates was a necessary act in view of the dangerous tendencies of the time and it served to halt the reckless use of bank resources. It was not so much the fault of the federal reserve board that the post-war conditions in the federal reserve system called for a rather drastic policy of deflation as it was the war-time requirements of the government in using the banks for the marketing of the Liberty bond issues on easy terms for the bond buyers.

Unless Gov. Harding is renominated and endorsed by the Senate, it will be difficult to avoid the conclusion that the federal reserve system is being dominated in the interest of an economic group through the political agencies of the government—in short, that while the design of the federal reserve bank act was to remove the control of the system from politics, it had already fallen under political and even sectional influences to the injury of its proper functioning.

TWO OF A KIND

Two Irishmen had just laid a wreath of flowers on a comrade's grave, and while crossing another section of the cemetery they saw a Jap lay some rice on the grave of a countryman.

One of the Irishmen asked, "When do you expect your friend to come and eat the rice?"

"When your friend comes to smell the flowers," was the quick reply.—Boston Transcript.

ONE TOUCH OF NATURE

Ohio State Journal.
Another thing which we suppose will tend to swell the throng of sympathizers with our poor, down-trodden Ohio coal operators in this crisis is the evidence that keeps coming out that they have been dodging their taxes consistently, there are so many other people who have always followed that policy.

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POLITICS AND COAL

Ohio State Journal.
It is said that the price of coal in Chicago has more than doubled in the last month and that now householders are obliged to pay \$15.75 a ton, on the average, for their winter's fuel supply. This is the sort of thing which the administration is striving to prevent and, if its efforts fail, things will go hard with the party in power. Citizens paying \$15.75 a ton for their coal are pretty likely to vote for a change, regardless of their regular political affiliations and equally regardless of all other issues.

It has been remarked with editorial plaudits that the public interest is paramount in cases like the coal strike, where the adequate production of a commodity essential to the public health and prosperity is halted by a dispute between employers and employees, and it is true. The chief business of government is to safeguard the general public interest. The selfish interests of warring groups are rightfully of no importance to the government, which is supposed to represent the whole people.

If the coal producers are permitted to make up from the people's pockets whatever their losses may have been in the strike, and more, the country will surely hold the government responsible and rebuke it at the first opportunity. The mere instinct of self-preservation in Washington ought to be enough to keep coal prices down.

A nickel isn't as good as a dime, but it goes to church more often.—Muskegon Chronicle.

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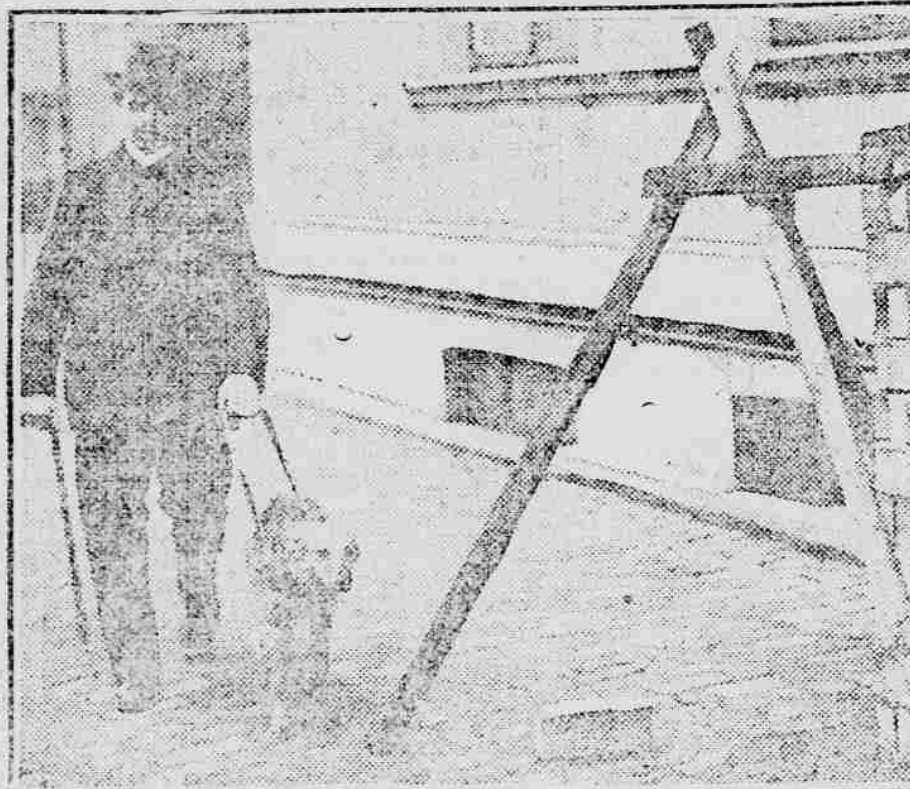
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